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PROM 2020

Dance the night away!



Saturday, February 22 8:00 pm

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CONGREGATION L'DOR V'DOR SISTERHOOD PRESENTS:

IN SEARCH OF ISRAELI CUISINE

A portrait of the Israeli people told through food



A ROGER SHERMAN FILM

FEATURING CHEF/GUIDE MICHAEL SOLOMONOV AWARD WINNING CHEF & AUTHOR OF ZAHAV

JANUARY 12, 2020 AT 3:00 PM

FILM WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A COOKING DEMONSTRATION BY OUR OWN CHEF, HENRY RIGER, AND A SAMPLING OF FOODS PREPARED FROM THE ZAHAV COOKBOOK



ADMISSION IS FREE, BUT RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED CALL 718-224-0404 TODAY





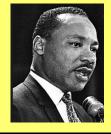






As We Welcome Shabbat Friday, January 17, 2020 We Will Honor The Life And Legacy Of

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

"We may have all come on different ships, but we are in the same Boat now."

Shabbat Dinner 6:15pm

Shabbat Service 8:00 pm

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January/February Schedule of Services Sunday Morning Minyan Each Week at 8:45 a.m.

| Fri., Jan. 3 | Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m. |
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| Sat., Jan. 4 | Shabbat Morning Service | 9:00 a.m. |
| Fri., Jan. 10 | Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sat., Jan. 11 | Shabbat Morning Service | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Kabbalah Circle | 12:30 p.m. |
| Fri., Jan. 17 | MLK Tribute Shabbat Evening | (.15 |
| | Shabbat Dinner Shabbat Evening Service | 6:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m. |
| Sat., Jan. 18 | Shabbat Morning Experience | 1 |
| | Breakfast | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Shacharit | 10:00 a.m. |
| | Torah Service | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Musaph Kiddush/Lunch | 11:15 a.m. 12:00 p.m. |
| Fri., Jan. 24 | Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m. |
| 111., Jun. 24 | Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated | 0.30 p.m. |
| Sat., Jan. 25 | Shabbat Morning Service | 9:00 a.m. |
| Fri., Jan. 31 | Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sat., Feb. 1 | Shabbat Morning Service | 9:00 a.m. |
| Fri., Feb. 7 | Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sat., Feb. 8 | Shabbat Morning Service | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Kabbalah Circle | 12:30 p.m. |
| Fri., Feb. 14 | Shabbat Evening Service Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sat., Feb. 15 | Shabbat Morning Experience | |
| Sat., 170. 13 | Breakfast | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Shacharit | 10:00 a.m. |
| | Torah Service | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Musaph | 11:15 a.m. |
| | Kiddush/Lunch | 12:00 p.m. |
| Fri., Feb. 21 | Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sat., Feb. 22 | Shabbat Morning Service | 9:00 a.m. |
| Fri., Feb. 28 | Shabbat Across America | (20 |
| | Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat Dinner | 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| Sat., Feb. 29 | Shabbat Morning Service | 9:00 a.m. |
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World Wide Wrap



Sunday, February 2

Fulfill the mitzvah of putting on tefillin. Learn to wrap at 8:00 a.m. Daven at 8:45 a.m.

Men and Women are invited and encouraged to attend!

| | Shabbat Candle Lighting | | | | | | |
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| | Jan. 31 | 4:54pm | | | 4 | | |



Monday, February 10

Seder & Israeli Supper 7-8 pm

A Time To Celebrate

Trees, Gifts of Nature,
And Our Connection to the Land of Israel

RSVP by Monday, February 3

Tu B'Shevat Seder & Israeli Supper Monday, February 3





| Name | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Email/Tel | |
| # Attending | @ \$15 per person |



Kiddush Fund Donation

Every Shabbat after services our congregants are invited to a Kiddush. Congregants have the opportunity to chat with their friends over a tuna or egg salad sandwich, coffee and cake. For many, this is the highlight of their Shabbat experience. It creates a great sense of comradery and the sense that we are truly a family.

We started a Kiddush fund to offset some of the cost of these weekly Kiddushim. If you would like to sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush in recognition of a yahrzeit, birthday, anniversary or any other special occasion, please let the office know. All contributions are greatly appreciated and we will list those people who have sponsored that week's Kiddush in our weekly bulletin that is distributed on Shabbat and Temple Talk.



From The Rabbi

The three day holiday weekend is an important part of the fabric of American life. We all look forward to Memorial Day Weekend, Labor Day Weekend, Washington's Birthday Weekend and most recently Martin Luther King Weekend.



These days have become great opportunities for picnics, parties, shopping, traveling and, at this time of year, skiing. We use these days to catch up on things for which we never seem to have enough time. However, the one thing that most of us don't do is engage in an activity that is reflective of the reason why our government decreed these days to be special holidays.

In Jewish tradition, each one of our holidays has its own unique characteristics and observances that are connected to it. The rituals that have developed over time help to keep our Jewish holidays from becoming nothing more than days off from our regular routines for activities with no particular focus. After the celebration of a Jewish holiday, observed in a traditional way, the meaning of the holiday is impressed upon us and becomes a greater part of our consciousness as we move beyond the holiday. We emerge from Chanukah with a greater resolve to fight for what we believe and to bring light to the dark places of the world. On Passover we emerge with a greater appreciation for the freedom we enjoy and how important it is to be in charge of our own destiny. On Shavuot we emerge with a greater appreciation for G-d's gift of Torah as a source of guidance for what is right and what is wrong, what is good and what is bad. On Sukkot we emerge with a greater appreciation for G-d's protecting presence as we wander in the wilderness of our lives. On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we emerge with a greater appreciation of G-d's desire for us to turn from one path to another and our ability to become better people.

I believe that the celebration of our American holidays can and should impress their meanings upon us. We should emerge from our American holiday experiences transformed from the time that we focus upon their meanings. Memorial Day should be a day when we take time to honor the memory of those who died fighting for our country. We should emerge from Memorial Day with a greater understanding of the consequences of war and a greater appreciation for those who died on our behalf. We should emerge from the celebration of Labor Day with a greater appreciation for the workforce of our country that makes so many of the things in our life possible. We should emerge from our celebration of Washington's birthday with a greater understanding of George Washington and his leadership that enabled our country to achieve its independence and to put us on the path to becoming the great democratic nation that we are today. And, we should emerge from our celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday with a greater dedication to the values for which this great American leader lived and died.

This year, the Federal holiday celebrating Martin Luther King's birthday has been set for Monday, January 20. At our synagogue we will be kicking off this three day holiday weekend on Friday, January 17 with a community Shabbat Dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by a very special Shabbat Evening Service that will begin at 8:00 p.m. Bishop Fabian E. Williams of the Kingdom Family Ministry in Uniondale, his wife, Dr. Regina Williams, Deputy Director of Minority Affairs for Nassau County and 25-30 members of their Church Community will be worshipping together with us. In addition, the Shireinu Choir of Long Island, under the direction of Deborah Tartell will be enhancing the music of our service. This evening will be an opportunity to bring people of different religions, races, cultures and creeds to join together in prayer, affirm the values that were preached and lived by Dr. King and to make a commitment to living and promoting these values in our lives. Participating in this service is one way to insure that this weekend does not go by without dedicating some time to focus on the meaning of the holiday and to have its meaning impressed upon us.

In light of the recent rise of antisemitism, hate crimes and the level of discord within our country, it is extremely important to do what we can to embrace the dream of Martin Luther King and keep it alive. I hope that you will be able to join us for this special evening that will bring significant meaning to your experience of the Martin Luther King, Three Day Holiday Weekend.

The first part of this article was originally written for the January 2012 Temple Talk.

Presidential Matters by Mitchell Stein



Happy New Year

It is hard to believe but another calendar year has just ended. It is already four months since we celebrated the start of our Jewish New Year. For me, new years are a time of reflection. I analyze the recently completed year and look ahead to the upcoming year.

2019 was a tremendous year for Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. We had a fantastic year filled with many people attending our weekly Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services. Our classes are well attended (there is still room for you to join), our Sunday morning minion is going strong and our holiday and secular celebrations are bigger and better than ever. We completed two major capital improvements that enhance our sanctuary and our kitchen. We have taken major steps forward in securing our congregation, our staff and our building.

I could easily spend the next few pages highlighting the many achievements of the past year, however I will briefly highlight some events from the past two months. In November, we held a wonderful Kristallnacht program along with some of our neighborhood synagogues. We also held our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service at the Zion Episcopal Church.

During the month of December we had a large group come together to celebrate the recently refurbished kitchen. A delicious brunch was provided and so many of us contributed to the kitchen shower by buying new kitchen accessories and/or making generous donations to acquire additional kitchen gadgets and other household items. Along with members of our greater community, we participated in a challah bake. At the end of the month we celebrated Chanukah with our family and friends.

The year 2020 will continue to bring special events. In January we will be holding a very special Friday night. To celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday we will be holding Shabbat services and a dinner to celebrate this great man. As is our custom, we have invited the pastor and members from Black Baptist Church to participate in our service. On the last Friday in February we will be holding our annual Shabbat Across America service and dinner. Last year approximately 125 people including our community friends from Lake Success Jewish Center and Bellerose Jewish Center. We are also holding our annual dinner/dance. This year's theme is Prom Night. If you are like me and did not marry your High School or College sweetheart, this is the perfect time to ask your significant other to our Prom. Remember, many people also go solo to a prom so if you do not have a date, please come and dance the night away. We will be utilizing our new kitchen for our annual Hamantaschen Bake. Please keep in mind that we would be extremely happy to have your non-member family and friends join our celebrations.

With so many celebrations, so many activities, so much sharing with our congregational family it is impossible to believe anything other than the year 2020 will be even bigger and better for Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. I would love to see you at as many celebrations as possible.

Message from Cantor Shron

Happy New Year!



As we enter 2020, I have 2 questions on my mind:

- 1. Isn't 2020 supposed to be "the future"? How is it possible we don't yet have flying cars?
- 2. Is it possible that Y2K was actually twenty years ago?

As the world celebrates the birth of a new decade, I also celebrate a personal milestone. It's hard to believe that this past September marked ten years since I became cantor of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. Since day one, my affiliation with the synagogue has been rewarding, challenging, fulfilling, and fun! To celebrate ten years, I thought I'd take the opportunity to share ten memorable experiences throughout my tenure at the synagogue.

- Bar/Bat Mitzvah Instruction. By far, the most rewarding part of my role at the synagogue has been
 preparing your children to become a bar or bat mitzvah. Working with them weekly, I developed close
 relationships with every student. Most importantly, each one achieved far more than they ever
 imagined! After the celebration ended, however, I rarely had the opportunity to reconnect. And so...
- Conversations with the Cantor was born in 2012. The concept is simple: Jewish teens discussed Jewish themes at Starbucks Coffee. We discussed antisemitism, Israel, holidays, music, sports, environmental issues, Jewish identity, and so much more. What a thrill to help shape the Jewish identity of the next generation.
- 3. **Working alongside Rabbi Prouser.** I am so grateful to Rabbi Joseph Prouser for his role in bringing me to the community and making my family feel welcome. It was an honor and a pleasure to work with him during my first year, and I learned so much during the relatively short time we shared the bima. We are still in touch and I'm so glad to maintain the relationship.
- 4. **Rabbi Yaffe's Installation.** How fortunate we are to have found Rabbi Yaffe as our spiritual leader in 2010! His energy and enthusiasm have been the driving force behind virtually everything that happens at the synagogue. For me personally, he has been a mentor, teacher, partner and friend and by all accounts, we make a great team! (And if you missed the "Wicked" song parody I performed on the night of his installation, you can find it on YouTube at https://youtube.com/LittleNeckJC.)
- 5. A multi-generational celebration of Shabbat. In March 2014, our congregation hosted dozens of teens from throughout the region for one of the most beautiful Shabbatot we've ever experienced. We sang and danced together, learned together, enjoyed Shabbat meals together, and truly savored every moment of Shabbat with energy, spirit, excitement, and fun. Nearly six years later, my family and I still look back upon this Shabbat with wonderful memories. And speaking of young people...
- 6. Watching my own children mature at the synagogue. When we first arrived in Little Neck, my oldest son Simcha was nine years old. Today, he's a few months shy of 20! What a thrill it has been to watch my children grow to lead services, read from the Torah, sing with our choir, teach the congregation, and embarrass their parents here and there along the way. I cannot thank you enough for embracing them over the past decade.
- 7. **Merging with Oakland Jewish Center.** What a celebration for our community! What an honor to be selected as the new home for a congregation with a long and distinguished history! What a pleasure to truly be ONE congregation, making wonderful new friends along the way! What a grand celebration of our new, combined congregation in October, 2012!
- 8. **Torah rededication Shavuot, 2019.** Though it is a major festival on the Jewish calendar, Shavuot typically doesn't enjoy the same fanfare or attendance as other important days in the Jewish year. That all changed just a few months ago, as we celebrated the restoration of a small Torah scroll from Oakland Jewish Center. More than 100 people celebrated the gift of Torah on a spirited Sunday morning...singing, dancing, and embracing our most sacred of texts. It also enabled many more people to be able to carry this lightweight Torah scroll. A very special day in our congregation's history!
- 9. Opportunities to learn and grow. One of the things I love most about my job is the chance to learn more about the things I'm passionate about. My long-running Wednesday night classes have opened my eyes to the nuances of the weekly Torah portion, the joys of Israeli culture, and the beauty of the Hebrew language. I've learned so much from our congregational discussions about God, Israel, politics, history, philosophy, and more. The more I attend, the more I participate, the more I learn.
- 10. **Two congregational honors.** It's truly an honor to make a living doing what you love but it's extra special when you know your work is appreciated. I was so honored to receive the coveted Larry Kaplan Award in 2011, as well as a special award from Israel Bonds in 2016. I'm eternally grateful to the congregation for recognizing and appreciating the work I've done over the past decade.

As I enter my second decade of service, I couldn't be more excited to see what the future will bring! The items I've mentioned only scratch the surface of the countless memories and *nachas* I've experienced since joining Congregation L'Dor V'Dor more than a decade ago. It's an honor to share these milestones with you, and I look forward to creating new memories and Jewish experiences for many years to come!

From Your Co-Vice President Of Membership by Karen Popowsky



PROM 2020

The 20's are roaring back! To celebrate the 20's, Congregation L'Dor V'Dor's Membership Committee is throwing a PROM on Saturday February 22, 2020 from 8 PM until Midnight! Consider it a mid-semester event or a PROM for early graduates or a PROM that fit the calendar perfectly to get out of the cold and into the warm ballroom of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. As it turns out, some of our Membership Committee's members never went to their high school proms, so "PROM 2020" will be the perfect event where new memories can be created, photos can be taken and life-time friends can share the evening.. Creating the atmosphere for PROM 2020, Tommy Sullivan will be making an encore appearance providing music of every high school graduating class! What's the song that brings that special year to your mind? Tommy Sullivan can play that for you!

The Membership Committee has thrown the best parties, including Winter Bash, Spring Fling, American Bandstand Dance Party, Celebrate 70 Dance Party and now PROM 2020. If you missed any of these past soirees, you can count on this one to be fun, entertaining, exhilarating and very memorable. If (in the past) you have said that a dance party was not your "thing", now is the time to make that New Year's resolution and attend more L'Dor V'Dor events starting with PROM 2020.

Our Membership Committee is busy planning this special event so don't disappoint us by delaying your RSVP. We promise you won't be disappointed. Make your reservations NOW! For \$55 per person (\$60 per person after February 7, 2020) you are promised exhilarating dance music, delicious food and drink, and fabulous party-hearty friends! As a reminder, the dance floor has always been alive with cha cha-ing, strolling, boogieing, disco-ing, twist-ing and everything in-between. Photo booth, raffles, prizes and more await you at PROM 2020. Attire is up to you, casual is fine but tuxedos and gowns are appropriate for setting the scene and feel of a real prom. It's up to you.

As we begin a new year, the Membership Committee resolves to continue to strengthen our L'Dor V'Dor community to reach out to our members for all life cycles. On behalf of the Membership Committee. Eileen Baker. Cohen. Joan Kase, Paul Sacker. Harriet Spilkevitz, Debbie Stoll, Carrie Yaffe and myself, we wish you a HAPPY and HEALTHY 2020!



HAPPY JANUARY **BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Betsy Budne-Finnel
- 2 Nathan Tamari
- 3 Logan Slakter
- 4 Jeffrey Cohen
- 4 Cheryl Feiner
- 4 Heather Makover
- 5 Mark Grijnsztein
- 5 Nadine Rose
- 6 Elisabeth Shaller
- Rebecca Gelfand
- 7 Viktor Kanevsky
- 7 Adrien Marcedo
- 8 Irene Gordon
- 8 Ira Kave
- 8 Merrill Rosen
- 8 Lenore Zakow
- 9 Carol Lusthaus
- 9 Benjamin Menchell
- 10 Harry Junger 11 Scott Goodman
- 11 Harriet Spivack
- 11 Phillip Steinberg 12 Richard Kops
- 12 Howard Litvack
- 14 Lawrence Fried
- 15 Alan Fein
- 15 Steven Hoffman

- 18 Lee Becker
- 18 Harvey Goldstein
- 19 Phyllis Alperstein
- Charles Mandelbaum
- Aviva Reznik
- 20 Alex Gottlieb
- 21 Bonnie Charles
- 21 Peter Glaser
- 23 Adam Cohen
- 23 Ben Ditman
- 23 Alain Marcedo
- 23 Juliette Reiss
- 23 Mariel Reiss
- 24 Gladys Dorfler
- 24 Cole Junger
- 24 Andrew Levin
- Theodore Munz
- 26 Selma Rich
- 27 Ilse Holz
- 27 Eric Metzger
- 27 Gabrielle Sykoff
- Richard Spivack
- 28 Joshua Tobias
- 29 Neil Garfinkel
- 29 Victoria Volkov
- 30 Jennifer Cole
- 30 Carrie Yaffe



Danielle Drucker

1 David Goodman

2 Ronnie Goldstein

Rebecca Singer

4 Esther Spindel

5 Emily Hochman

5 Jana Kauffman

Myra Maultasch

Linda Schlosser

7 Brandon Alwadish

7 Alexander Roberts

7 Marc Figelman

7 Scott Hoffman

Lesley Stern

Rachel Coons

Emily Fleisher

Ahuva Maytal

Beatrice Nebel

Marc Altheim

Joshua Mirkin

10 Marilyn Solomon

11 Vivienne Lipsitz

10 Brian Slakter

12 Scott Singer

Diane Lidoshore

5 Elaine Fried

6 Ellie Shron

HAPPY FEBRUARY **BIRTHDAYS**

- 13 Marc Ross
- 14 Rhoda Fleisher
- 14 Hazel Greenberg
- 14 Matthew Stein
- 14 Debbie Stoll
- 17 Lois Wirtheim
- 18 Lee Blecher
- 18 Ronald Cohen
- 18 Debby Hockstein
- 18 Leslie Klein
- 18 Erica Starr
- 19 Rickie Block
- Lindsey Mayer
- 20 Melissa Berkowitz
- 20 Albert Stern
- 21 David Levine
- 22 George Neiderman
- 22 Lauren Reiss
- Stephen Toback
- 23 Alison Hoffer 23 Alexander Yeres
- 24 Carolyn Berman
- 24 Carol Jahre
- 24 Eugene Streim
- Samantha Grusd
- 25 Barbara Levine
- 26 Isabella Berlinsky



HAPPY JANUARY **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Valerie and Geoffrey Clain
- 5 Susan and Charles Mandelbaum
- 16 Irina and Morgan Starr
- 18 Janet and Irwin Tobin 18 Judith and Jan Tomasik
- 20 Rhoda and Samuel Fleisher



HAPPY FEBRUARY **ANNIVERSARIES**

3 Esther and Saul Spindel 14 Sally and David Coons 19 Tina and Marvin Anchin

Celebrate Your January Birthday or Anniversary by receiving a special blessing at Shabbat Evening Services Friday, January 24 6:30 p.m.



Celebrate Your February



Birthday or Anniversary by receiving a special blessing at Shabbat Evening Services Friday, February 14 6:30 p.m.

Kabbalah Circle

Saturday, January 11 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 8 12:30 pm



Following Kiddush

Join us as Ellen Charlop, Henry Riger and Paul Sacker share their insights and guide us in a dynamic conversation of various elements of our Mystical Tradition.

Shabbat Morning Experience January 18 & February 15

9:00 a.m. Breakfast, Schmoozing & Learning

10:00 a.m. Abbreviated Shacharit

10:30 a.m. Torah Service

11:15 a.m. Musaph

12:00 p.m. Kiddush & Lunch



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Tachles is an informal Hebrew learning program that offers participants a "taste of Hebrew" in a refreshing and interactive style. New students are always welcome.



Torah and Our Lives With Rabbi Yaffe

Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A weekly opportunity to connect with wisdom of our tradition and discuss its relevance to our contemporary lives.

This is an ongoing class throughout the year and new students are always welcome!

Try it, you might like it!

פרשת השבוע The Weekly Torah Portion



A Modern Approach to Our Most Ancient Text

The book that started it all. Full of wisdom, insight, wonder and mystery...as relevant today as it's been for thousands of years. Ready to study the weekly *parsha* like never before - and make Torah come alive? Join Cantor Shron each week for engaging videos from the Aleph-Beta Academy, and enjoy fascinating insights, lively discussions and good company. You'll come away with a new appreciation for the nuances of our most sacred of texts!

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm at the synagogue, or online!

For details, email jshron@comcast.net New Students Always Welcome!



רביעי ישראלי Revi'i Yisraeli Israeli Wednesdays at L'Dor V'Dor



Get connected to Israel and its culture through hit Israeli TV shows! We've binge-watched hit shows like "Srugim", "Fauda", and "Shtissel", and we're about to begin "B'nei Aruba" (Hostages):

Four masked men break into the Danon family home and take the family hostage. The intruders demand that Yael, the family matriarch and a brilliant surgeon, kills the prime minister in what is meant to be a routine surgery. If the prime minister does not die during the surgery, Yael's family will be killed.

Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm



Sisterhood Book Club

Thursday, January 23, 2020 at Elane Berk's Home at 7:30 p.m.



The book that will be discussed on this date is: "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood.

The Handmaid's Tale is a novel of such power that the reader will be unable to forget its images and its forecast. Set in the near future, it describes life in what was once the United States and is now called the Republic of Gilead, a monotheocracy that has reacted to social unrest and a sharply declining birthrate

by reverting to, and going beyond, the repressive intolerance of the original Puritans. The regime takes the Book of Genesis absolutely at its word, with bizarre consequences for the women and men in its population.

The story is told through the eyes of Offred, one of the unfortunate Handmaids under the new social order. In condensed but eloquent prose, by turns cool-eyed, tender, despairing, passionate, and wry, she reveals to us the dark corners behind the establishment's calm facade, as certain tendencies now in existence are carried to their logical conclusions. *The Handmaid's Tale* is funny, unexpected, horrifying, and altogether convincing. It is at once scathing satire, dire warning, and a tour de force. It is Margaret Atwood at her best.

Join us for this enlightening discussion. Looking forward to seeing you. Any questions? Contact Harriet Spilkevitz at 516-708-9404.

Sisterhood is looking for a chairperson for the annual Rummage Sale



Our most important Fund Raiser

Call Joan Kase 718-598-2613

Donating A Kidney Can Save A Life!

You may ask:

Can I be a Kidney Donor? What's involved?

Join us for answers to these and other questions.

Wednesday, February 26 from 7:15pm - 8:30pm

Congregation L'Dor V'Dor, in partnership with RENEWAL, an organization dedicated to helping patients and families navigate the complex process of kidney transplant will host this program.

The brother of a member of our synagogue family is in need of a kidney. Be a part of our community and our team and help us find a donor.

For more information and to register to attend, call Dr. Donald Tanenbaum at drdonaldt@gmail.com

WHOEVER SAVES A SINGLE LIFE
IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE SAVED THE WHOLE WORLD
MISHNAH SANHEDRIN CHAPTER 4

Congregation L'Dor V'Dor Presents

A Community Shabbat Dinner Launching our Celebration of The Martin Luther King Holiday Weekend







Friday, January 17 at 6:15 p.m.

Preceding our Special Shabbat Evening Service Honoring the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Beginning at 8:00 p.m.

> Adults \$36.00/pp Children Ages 7-12 \$15.00/pp Children 6 years and under are free

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| | Return this form to the synagogue office by Monday, January 13 Or register on line at olnjc.org/MLKShabbatDinner | | | | | | |
| Ī | Please reserve seats at the Community Shabbat Dinner on Friday, January 17 | | | | | | |
| | Adults @ \$36 | | | | | | |
| | Vegetarian entrees Fish entrees | | | | | | |
| | Name: Phone: | | | | | | |
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The members of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor Invite you to join us as we honor the Life and Legacy of

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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"We may have all come on different ships, but we are in the same boat now."



An evening of Unity, Understanding and Fellowship With members of the Black and Jewish Communities

A Shabbat Evening Service Friday, January 17, 2020 8:00 pm

Followed by a Dessert Reception

The Service Will Be Conducted By



Rabbi
Gordon Yaffe
&
Cantor
Joshua Shron



The sermon will be delivered by Bishop Fabian E. Williams Kingdom Family Ministry Uniondale, NY



Greetings from **Dr. Regina Williams**Deputy Director of Minority Affairs
Nassau County





The Shireinu Choir of Long Island under the direction of Deborah Tartell

Will participate in the service



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Friday, February 28

Service begins at 6:30 pm Dinner begins at 7:30 pm

Turn an ordinary Friday night into something extraordinary!

Join us for a joyous Kabbalat Shabbat Service followed by a Traditional Buffet Shabbat Dinner!





\$36 per adult \$15 per child (ages 6-12) Children ages 5 and under are free RSVP by Tuesday, February 18 718-224-0404



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Please reserve __ seats for Shabbat Dinner on February 28

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Register on line at wwwlnjc.org/ShabbatAcrossAmerica2020

Hamantaschen Baking Sunday, February 9th



A Multi-Generational Class for Grandparents & Grandchildren ages 6-12 Class size limited to 12 children 10:00 am -11:00 am

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Pack It Up for Purim

A Community-Wide Effort To Feed The Hungry And Reach Out To Those Who Are In Need

New for this year: Holocaust Survivors and other Seniors living below the poverty level will be the recipients.

Two Ways To Participate

- 1. Make a donation between now and February 28 of \$25 per gift package of food and other goodies that you would like to send. We will do the shopping for you and send each package with a personalized card indicating that it is from you.
- 2. Join us on Sunday, March 8 at 10:00 am to help pack up the gift packages and deliver two or three of them.

Send in this form to the synagogue office or go to www.lnjc,org/purim5780 to register to participate in Pack it Up for Purim

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Hamantaschen For Sale!



Support Our Sisterhood

Order your hamantaschen that are handmade by your fellow congregants.

Your gift-boxed hamantaschen will be available for pick-up at the synagogue

Monday, March 9

Call in your order 718-224-0404 Order on line at: www.lnjc.org/purim5780

Increase the Joy of Purim for your family and friends by sending them a beautiful Sisterhood Purim Card!



Goto: www.lnjc.org/purim 5780 Download an order form and send to the synagogue office by Sunday, February 16th.

Celebrate Purim Monday, March 9

Pre Purim Pizza Party!!! 5:45 pm

Pizza, Salad & Soda

\$10.00 per person

Children under the age of 5 are free





Erev Purim Festivities

7:00 p.m. Maariv

7:15 p.m. Megillah Readings

The Whole Megillah Almost

The Whole Megillah

8:00 p.m. Costume Parade and Contest

8:30 p.m.

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American Jews Will Vote for Their Voice in Israel in 2020

On January 21, the election process will begin to choose delegates who will attend the meetings of the 38th World Zionist Congress (WZC) that will convene in October of 2020. The WZC, which in many respects serves as a "parliament for the Jewish people," is comprised of 500 delegates and meets in Jerusalem every five years.

From January 21 through March 11, 2020, American residents who are Jewish and 18 or older will be eligible to vote. The election will be primarily online, with an option for mail-in ballots. Those elected from the United States will join delegates from Israel and around the world, to make decisions regarding the priorities of the World Zionist Organization (WZO), Jewish National Fund (JNF) and the Jewish Agency for Israel. This congress is responsible for the allocation of nearly \$1 billion spent annually in support of Israel and world Jewry.

There are 13 different slates, representing the diversity of thought, opinion and cultural identity of the American Jewish community competing for votes in the 38th World Zionist Congress. The Jewish communities of Israel, the United States and World Jewry each send approximately 1/3 of the delegates who comprise the WZC.

According to the World Zionist Organization, the World Zionist Congress enables delegates to exert ideological influence on both Israeli society and the global Jewish agenda, as well as allocate financial and other resources to various organizations in Israel. This election is an opportunity to show support for Zionism and to express views on important matters affecting the Jewish community, Israel and the Diaspora.

Sondra Sokal, past president of AMIT, current member of the Expanded Executive of WZO, and cabinet member of AZM, said in a statement that "This is the only place where the Jews of America get a chance, in a democratic election, to vote for who they would like to represent them on hard issues that we grapple with every day."

MERCAZ, the Zionist Organization of the Conservative movement, explains on its website that this election is important because "it is the only political arena in Israel where Diaspora Jewry has a seat, and the only place where Israeli decision makers must hear us out. We have a voice, and that voice translates into funding. The bigger that voice, the better able we are to allocate funds and influence decisions."

In its message to voters, Mercaz said that a vote for the slate "allows for our Conservative/Masorti communities in Israel to live the lives we take for granted in the United States, where Conservative conversions are accepted without question, women can read Torah proudly and without fear, and egalitarian minyanim are celebrated."

To be eligible to vote in the US Elections to the 38th World Zionist Congress, you must:

Be 18 years of age or above

Be a permanent resident of the United States

Be Jewish

Not have voted in the most recent Knesset election in Israel

Affirm your commitment to the Jerusalem Program

Registration and voting will open on January 21, 2020. The fee to register and vote is \$7.50 which goes to cover the operating costs of the election.

The JERUSALEM PROGRAM is the official platform of the WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION which states:

Zionism, the national liberation movement of the Jewish people, brought about the establishment of the State of Israel, and views a Jewish, Zionist, democratic and secure State of Israel to be the expression of the common responsibility of the Jewish people for its continuity and future.

The Jerusalem Program's foundations of Zionism are:

The unity of the Jewish people, its bond to its historic homeland Eretz Yisrael, and the centrality of the State of Israel and Jerusalem, its capital, in the life of the nation;

Aliyah to Israel from all countries and the effective integration of all immigrants into Israeli society.

Strengthening Israel as a Jewish, Zionist and democratic state and shaping it as an exemplary society with a unique moral and spiritual character, marked by mutual respect for the multi-faceted Jewish people, rooted in the vision of the prophets, striving for peace and contributing to the betterment of the world.

Ensuring the future and the distinctiveness of the Jewish people by furthering Jewish, Hebrew and Zionist education, fostering spiritual and cultural values and teaching Hebrew as the national language;

Nurturing mutual Jewish responsibility, defending the rights of Jews as individuals and as a nation, representing the national Zionist interests of the Jewish people, and struggling against all manifestations of anti-Semitism;

Settling the country as an expression of practical Zionism.

At the top of the next page is a list of the 13 slates. Click on each these slates and become an informed voter for delegates to the WZC in October of 2020.

- 1. **Eretz Hakodesh**: Protecting the Kedusha and Mesorah of Eretz Yisrael
- 2. Vote Reform: ARZA Representing the Reform Movement and Reconstructing Judaism
- 3. Israel Shelanu (Our Israel)
- 5. **Vision**: Empowering the Next Generation
- 7. **Dorshei Torah V'Tziyon**: Torah and Israel for All
- 9. **Ohavei Zion**: World Sephardic Zionist Organization
- 11. American Forum for Israel

- 4. Orthodox Israel Coalition Mizrachi: Vote Torah
- 6. MERCAZ USA: The Voice of Conservative/Masorti Judaism
- 8 Hatikvah: Progressive Israel Slate
- 10. **Herut Zionists**: The Jabotinsky Movement
- 12. Americans4Israel: Unity, Peace & Security
- 13. .**ZOA Coalition**: Zionist Organization of America (ZOA), Torah from Sinai, MIG (Make Israel Great) & National Pro-Israel Partners Courageously Defending Israel, Sovereignty & the Jewish People

Cast Your Vote for Delegates to the World Zionist Congress to be held in Jerusalem in October of 2020!

Go to www.zionistelection.org

KITCHEN SHOWER REVIEW

On Sunday morning December 8th, the congregation was invited to a shower for our newly refurbished kitchen. Approximately 60 people joined together for brunch where they were able to see all of the new equipment and supplies. Marc Fegilman, Marc Altheim and Stan Wirtheim had the honor of cutting the ribbon.

We are please to announce that we raised approximately \$7,500 in contributions and approximately \$3,000 worth of merchandise purchased off our registry at Bed Bath and Beyond. The Committee wants to thank everyone who has participated thus far and we can always use donations for kitchen supplies and some other equipment that needs to be purchased.

It is now much easier for us to have Friday night dinners as we did for Hanukkah. We look forward to the baking of hamantaschen in a few weeks and other events that will allow us to utilize the kitchen.

A Joyous Celebration of Chanukah 5780

Bringing Light To Where There Is Darkness Sunday, December 29 at Congregation L'Dor V'Dor

Sponsored by Sisterhood, Men's Club and the Samuel Field Center of Common Point Queens

It Was A Party!

Lighting Candles!

Singing!

Dancing!

Making Friends!

Playing!

Learning!

Eating!









An Evening To Remember!

Members of our congregation together with members of our community with developmental challenges gathered for a grand celebration of the 8th night of Chanukah. It was an evening of Friendship, Fun, Food and Rejoicing in the miracles of Chanukah.

Congregants' Corner

Entering the New Year with 2020 Vision by Ellen Charlop

The Jewish faith offers many opportunities for renewal because there are several occasions to observe and celebrate a New Year. There's Rosh HaShanah, the Jewish New Year, and Tu B'Shevat, the New Year for the trees. Even Passover is considered a new beginning as it signifies the freedom and birth of the Jewish people. The secular New Year is yet another opportunity to begin again. Here are some thoughts and ideas to help start the New Year with a clear vision of how to be the best version of ourselves!

- Give Thanks. Once a day take quiet time to feel gratitude for what you have. Gratitude is the key to happiness. Appreciate what you have instead of focusing on what you may not have. When you start from a place of abundance, it helps you realize how much you are truly blessed.
- 2. Be kind. See the good in others. Everyone is fighting a battle that you know nothing about. Smile. It increases your "face value". Praise Others. Catch someone doing something good and let them know you appreciate it, and that their efforts don't go unnoticed. Sometimes we are quick to criticize. We should be especially quick to thank, compliment and recognize someone for a job well done. You will make their day, and that will help make yours.
- 3. Spend time with family. Make sure there is at least one day a week when you sit down together to have a meal with no distractions, no phones, emails, or TV. Just quality time to be together, talk, and spend time. Just to be.
- 4. Discover Meaning. Take time out to ask: what is my purpose, what are my goals, what do I wish to be said about me when I am no longer here? Finding meaning is essential to a fulfilling life.
- 5. Live your values. Most of us have high ideals, but don't always act on them. Try to establish habits that get us to act on those ideals daily. This is called ritual, and it's what religions remember, but ethicists forget.
- 6. Forgive. This is the emotional equivalent of losing weight. Life is too short to bear a grudge or seek revenge. There's an expression, "while you're carrying a grudge, others are out dancing". Forgiving someone is good for them, but even better for you.
- 7. Keep learning. "Who is the wise one? He who learns from everyone". Never be afraid to learn something new. If you are willing to learn you can be 105 and still be young. If you are not, you can be 25 and already old.
- 8. Learn to listen. Listening is one of the greatest gifts we can give to someone else. It shows them we are open to them, that we take them seriously, and that what they are saying is meaningful and valid.
- 9. Create moments of silence in the soul. Liberate yourself, if only for 5 minutes daily, from the tyranny of technology, the phone, the laptop, and all the electronic intruders. Just inhale the air of existence and appreciate the joy of being.
- 10. Transform suffering. When bad things happen, use them to sensitize yourself to the pain of others. Every challenge is an opportunity. The greatest people are those who survive tragedy and become stronger as a result. Instead of saying why me, ask, what can I learn from this and how can this situation allow me to do something I couldn't do before. Refuse to become a victim of circumstance, and instead become an agent of hope.

Remember, when one door closes, another one opens.

Wishing you and your loved ones a happy, healthy and inspirational 2020!

Adapted from Count Your Blessings and Begin to Change your Life'written by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, December 30, 2014.

"Serve to G-D with Joy" King David. by Irina Starr

On December 20th for the Sabbath morning service I chanted the Prayer "Anim Zmirot" standing before the open ark. I heard this prayer many times beautifully chanted by the members of the congregation. I love the melody, the energy, the rhythm. Only when I began to learn it, did I realized the depth and the powerful message of this beautiful hymn. I felt honored and privileged to learn the meaning of this song and share it with the congregation.

For me, Shabbat services are transforming and I am in a different place at the end of the service from where I am at the beginning. Anim Zemirot crowns the service and gives me a greater sense of Kiddusha.

Anim Zemirot was composed by Yehuda Ben Ha Chasid the 12th century German scholar and Kabbalist. It is a song of praise about the relationship between man and G-d. We need each other. Here are some of my favorite verses of the prayer:

Your greatness and your strength is described in accordance with your deeds.

Though I have not seen you or fully understand your prophecy I will tell the story of your glory in a song of love".

"G-d takes pride in me gives beauty to me as a crown of desire".

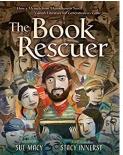
"His splendor is upon me and my splendor is upon Him and He is near to me when I call to Him".

It gives me humility and strength to learn such a powerful piece of poetry. It inspires me to learn more. I would like to use this opportunity to thank Rabbi Yaffe who guided me through my journey and always opens a higher level of wisdom and understanding.

The Book Rescuer

How a Mensch from Massachusetts Saved Yiddish Literature for Generations to Come

By Sue Macy Illustrated by Stacy Innerst



This is the true story of Aaron Lansky and his life's work to find and preserve Yiddish-language books. Written in a warm style and beautifully illustrated, this is a deeply heart-warming story.

From Kirkus Reviews (starred review)
"Stunning;" from Publishers Weekly
(starred review): "Inspired ... (a)
journalistic, propulsive narrative."

At a time when the Yiddish language is disappearing, this book is more relevant than ever.

It's a perfect Chanukah (or any occasion) gift, ideal for -- and shared with --- grandchildren.

With thanks for a generous donation by Susan and Jeff Rosenfeld, a copy of this book is now available to borrow at the Synagogue office.

Congregants' Corner

The First Minyan A Model For Jewish Unification

by Paul M. Sacker

When was the first *minyan* formed? Would you believe it was at the very beginning of time?

A Kabbalistic depiction of Creation describes a period before the physical Universe we know came into being. It tells of how the Creator first brought forth ten "vessels" via a series of utterances (asarah ma'amorot) that were designed to receive His "Light" or wisdom. To summarize this story, the ten vessels came into being in such a way that each sought to absorb as much light as it could with no regards to the others, even striving to outdo its neighbors. So much light was hoarded that the brilliance that overflowed from the vessels blinded them all to where they could no longer relate to each other and nothing made sense. This is why this period is called tohu-chaos. Furthermore, the situation continued to worsen, until, inevitably, the vessels effectively overloaded, resulting in a "shattering" as they exploded into pieces. There are accounts that suggest some of these pieces cascaded down into levels of lower spirituality until they ultimately solidified into the physical world. That is, however, a story for another time.

Remaining focused on the broken vessels, our Creation epic continues to state that the Creator rebuilt them. However, this time He first limited their ability to receive. Thus, they started out as almost completely empty. This is represented in the Torah by the word bohu - emptiness. The Creator then re-organized the ten vessels into a network connected by twenty-two channels. We are told these channels relate to the Hebrew letters implying that some kind of communication was being established between the vessels. This connection provided a conduit for energy to freely pass through the vessels and handled overflow so that no one vessel ever took in more than its share. Excess energy just passed to a neighbor that could contain it. In this way, the ten vessels learned to work together, balancing their need for individuality with a recognition that their fulfillment was partially dependent on their peers. At last, this allowed energy from the Creator to enter via the top vessel, often called Keter - crown, and pass down through the network to be transformed in various ways by the other nine. Ultimately, the lowest vessel, Malchut - kingdom, would release energy into the physical realm to effectively build our known universe.

The main take away from this story is that the vessels were not effective until they could overcome their differences and begin to cooperate. In effect, they formed the first *minyan* – a counting of ten. Only then could Creation be stabilized; moving from a chaotic state to one of Divine order. To paraphrase Exodus 25:8-9, this structure provides a suitable place for HaShem's presence, His Light, to "dwell amongst" His Creation.

This tale is cleverly hidden throughout the Torah beyond just the Creation story. Its variants serve as a parable for our ancestors to understand the importance of becoming united as a well-organized community. For example, at Sinai, the Israelites heard the voice of HaShem proclaim ten commandments (aseret ha'Dibrot – literally "ten sayings"). To quote Rashi, this could only be accomplished after the people had camped together for three days and had at last became as one people with "one heart." Kabbalah says the ten sayings heard by the people are related to the ten utterances HaShem used to bring the ten vessels of the primordial age of *tohu* into being. Thus, the people were reminded that just as those vessels needed to become organized to start Creation, their own unification into a "Nation" was now required to continue HaShem's plan.

We can, therefore, interpret the Sinai narrative as instructing the Jewish people of today to emulate those first ten vessels and their method of processing Light. We must learn to overcome our inclinations to receive for ourselves alone and instead share our individual strengths and abilities with each other. Only in this way can we effective establish a "minyan", a network of at least ten "vessels", which can process HaShem's Light and make it shine for the whole world.

Reviews of the Empty Nester Happy Hour hosted by Rabbi Gordon and Carrie Yaffe at their home in November.

A Review by Janis and Paul Jason

As long-time temple members who have been absent more than present, a mailing came that stood out. We put it aside. It was an invitation for "empty nesters" to come to Rabbi Yaffe's home Saturday afternoon for drinks and appetizers. How nice! Why not? We are recent "empty nesters" and trying to embrace it and adjust. We RSVP'd "yes" and the appointed day quickly arrived. Paul and I looked at one another before stepping over the threshold and smiled. There was a throng of couples entering at the same time. Some we knew and others we didn't. In the warm and relaxing setting that greeted us, we caught up with congregants & neighbors we knew and were introduced to others we didn't know, all while drinking delicious wine and nibbling on a vast selection of tempting light fare.

We all spoke about our children naturally and what they are up to in this phase of life. How as a devoted parent your job is to raise them, to find their wings and let them fly. What they don't tell you in the parent manual is the mixed emotions that present themselves when it actually happens. Now "we" are trying to figure out our next steps as an older couple with varied interests and less child-oriented distractions.

Going to the afternoon cocktail party was a most enjoyable catharsis. Our hosts could not have been more welcoming or delightful to each and everyone of us, as is their nature. The time flew with the warm animated conversation throughout the kitchen, dining and living rooms, ending in wise words and short prayer.

I think we all left feeling happier and supported at a time in life when loneliness can creep up unknowingly. It reinforced how important community is and so is socialization.

As "empty nesters" it's "our time" to do...to go...to be. To reinvent ourselves, or not, and to be okay with it. When the Rabbi asked me to write a little blurb about our time together, I was honored. I hope I have conveyed how much those attended enjoyed the event. As we were leaving, we were speaking about future get togethers. If so, Paul and I are IN!

As to where and when...to be discussed. Thanks again to Carrie and Gordon for their marvelous hospitality and kickstarting "the empty nesters club"?

A Review by Martin and Susan Tobias

Susan and I attended the Happy Hour for Empty Nesters on a recent Shabbat afternoon. We were greeted warmly by the Rabbi and Carrie as we entered their home and offered a glass of wine as we started mingling with the other Empty Nesters. Our hosts provided a delicious assortment of snacks and most importantly we enjoyed the camaraderie with those in a common situation (the lack of nest occupants). Cantor Shron sang at the Havdalah service officiated by Rabbi Yaffe, and we all held hands during the service. It was a heart-warming experience. I told the Rabbi that I didn't find a single person to argue with, which was surprising given all the chaos and dissension in the world today, and Susan and I were able to meet some new friends. Overall, the afternoon was a great success, and we hope it can be repeated again in the not too distant future.

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Best wishes for a speedy and full recovery to Edwin Alvarado, son of Audi Acevedo

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Rabbi Gordon and Carrie Yaffe for their support during illness and death of her son-in-law.

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Harriet Spilkevitz, for a recovery and return to our midst by Joan and Paul Ross and Family

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Best wishes for a speedy and full recovery to Edwin Alvarado, son of Audi Acevedo

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Heyman Gellman by Bernard and Eileen Gellman

Herta Kaufman by Helen Hollander and daughters

Max B. Weinstock by The Roberts Family

Egga Riebeek by Desiree and Sonny Shar

Mollie Roiter by Arlene Cohen and Family

Gertrude Roth by Arlene Cohen and Family

Anna Frieda Stern by Carol Jahre

Carl S. Rodin by Susan Rodin Rosenfeld

Sylvia Dorn by Ruth Heyman

Roslyn Raber by Barbara and Julian Raber

Clara Rebecca Roberts by the Roberts Family

Irwin Litvin by Marla Louis lance and Cherie

Philip Perman by Eileen Perman Baker

Herbert Baum by The Baum Family

Sylvia Weiner by Reva Hollander

Sol W. Aronson by Burton Aronson **Jack Leventhal** by Linda Stuhl

Ernest Holz by The Holz Family

Gary Holz by The Holz Family

Ira Drazin by Jay and Mady (Drazin) Chudnoff

Aaron Stein by Joan Colombo

Eugenia Marcus by Jerelyn Marcus and Bernard Cohen

Roger Greenhut by Marsha Greenhut

Zalmar Launer by Nancy Robbins

Elsie Glass by Gerry Major

Isidor Goldsmith by The Reisman Family

Samuel Ostrieicher by Karen Popowsky

Aaron Stein by Lorraine, Amy and Joan Stein

Morris Zlotnick by Esther Spindel

Connie Levy by Randi Rosinky and Family

Estelle Rapport by Barbara Raber

Lillian Weber by Marcia and Richard Kops

Elaine Bruckenthal by Ric and Steven Bruckenthal

Joan Karpinos by Mike and Roz Karpinos

Meyer Kauffman by Bruce Kauffman

George Kraus by Eric and Robert Kraus and Families

Charles Wolf by Irwin and Nina Wolf



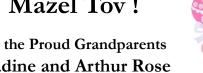


Mazel Tov!



To the Proud Grandparents Nadine and Arthur Rose

On the birth of their Granddaughter Emma Joy Radnor And to the Parents Erica and Ben Radnor and Big Brother Matthew



Baruch Dayan Emet Mazel Tov!



To the Proud Grandparents Jerri and Bernie Cohen

On the birth of their Grandson Russell Emmett Cohen And to the Parents Drs. Rachel and Jeffrey Cohen

The members of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor mourn the loss of

Carol Burstein

Mazel Tov To

Rabbi Gordon Yaffe

Upon receiving his Honorary Doctorate of Hebrew Letters

to be conferred by

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America

January 26, 2020

and we extend our condolences to:

Bernie Gellman on the loss of his beloved brother, Norman Gellman

Bob Stern on the loss of his beloved mother, Rosabelle Stern

Ellen Charlop on the loss of her beloved brother, Dr. Samuel Klein

Charlie Mandelbaum on the loss of his beloved mother, Mollie Mandelbaum

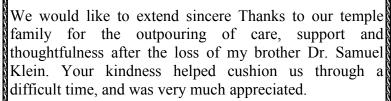
May their memory be a blessing and a source of strength and inspiration.

Mazel Tov! To



Marjorie and Norman Leblang On the marriage of their son Jay Leblang to Steph Kantor

Thank You!



Sincerely,

Ellen Charlop and Family



Mazel Tov! To

Lori Saslow and Harvey Goldstein On the marriage of their sons

Jacob Goldstein to Robert Soriano Zach Goldstein to Allison Glick

Thank You!

I would like to thank our members and the Bikkur Cholim Committee for your good wishes for my speedy recovery.

The flowers were beautiful and the basket was delicious. The delivery person (Carrie Yaffe) was great.

Thank you, Janet Tobin

January 2020

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| We are collecting Used Eye Glasses & Cell Phones In The Synagogue Lobby | | 1 New Year's Day Office Closed | 2 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00am | Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 4:22 pm | 4 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am | |
| 5 Morning Minyan Breakfast 8:45 am | 6 | Membership Committee Mtg 7:30 pm | 8 Torah and Our Lives 11:00 am Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 pm Revi'i Yisraeli 7:30 pm Conversational Hebrew 8:30 pm | 9 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00am | Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 4:29 pm | 11 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am Kabbalah Circle 12:30 pm |
| Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45am Movie: In Search of Israeli Cuisine 3:00 pm | Board Meeting 8:00 pm | 14 | Torah and Our Lives 11:00 am Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 pm Revi'i Yisraeli 7:30 pm Conversational Hebrew 8:30 pm | 16 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00am | MLK Shabbat Dinner 6:15 pm Shabbat Evening Service 8:00 pm Candle Lighting 4:37 pm | 18 Shabbat Morning Experience: 9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Shacharit 10:30 am Torah Service 11:15 am Musaph Service 12:00 pm Kiddush/Lunch |
| 19 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45am | 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office Closed | 21 | 22 Torah and Our Lives 11:00 am | 23 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00am Sisterhood Book Club At Elane Berk's 7:30 pm | 24 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Birthdays & Anniversaries Celebrated Candle Lighting 4:45pm | 25 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am |
| 26 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45am | 27 | 28 | 29 Torah and Our Lives 11:00 am Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 pm Revi'i Yisraeli 7:30 pm Conversational Hebrew 8:30 pm | 30 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00am | 31 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 4:54pm | |

February 2020

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | Your Pull-Tal The Ronald McI | | nagogue Lobby of Long Island | | | 1 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am |
| World Wide Wrap Learn to Wrap Tefilin at 8am Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45am | 3 | 4 | 5 Torah and Our Lives 11:00 am Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 pm Revi'i Yisraeli 7:30 pm Conversational Hebrew 8:30 pm | 6 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00am | 7 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 5:02pm | 8 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00am Kabbalah Circle 12:30 pm |
| Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45am Hamentaschen Baking 10:00 am | Tu B'shevat Seder 7:00 pm Board Meeting 8:00 p.m. | 11 | Torah and Our Lives 11:00 am Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 pm Revi'i Yisraeli 7:30 pm Conversational Hebrew 8:30 pm | 13 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00am | 14 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Birthdays & Anniversaries Celebrated Candle Lighting 5:11 pm | Shabbat Morning Experience: 9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Shacharit 10:30 am Torah Service 11:15 am Musaph Service 12:00 pm Kiddush/Lunch |
| 16 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45am | 17 President's Day Office Closed | 18 | 19 Torah and Our Lives 11:00 am Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 pm Revi'i Yisraeli 7:30 pm Conversational Hebrew 8:30 pm | 20 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00am | 2 1 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 5:19pm | 22 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00am 2020 Prom Night 8pm to 12 pm |
| 23 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45am | 24 | 25 | 26 Torah and Our Lives 11:00 am Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 pm Kidney Donor Awareness Program 7:15pm | 27 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00am | 28 Shabbat Across America Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Shabbat Dinner 7:30 pm Candle Lighting | 29 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am |